

**AMENDING MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**July 21, 2015**

**Los Angeles County Youth Jobs Program**

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS)-Education appropriations legislation was approved by the House Appropriations Committee on June 24, 2015 and Senate Appropriations Committee on June 25, 2015. Both bills fund the vast majority of programs through which Los Angeles County (County) receives funding from the Departments of Labor and HHS, including the County's Youth Jobs Program (Youth Jobs Program). While the House bill maintains current funding, the Senate bill proposes a \$41.8 million decrease to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth funding.

The County should implement measures now to prepare for potential funding cuts to the Youth Jobs Program, bearing in mind that the FFY 2016 budget (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016) affects programs administered by the County in FY2015-16 and FY2016-17. Because young people's schedules are most flexible during the summer months, the first quarter of FY2016-17 (July, August, and September) represents the peak period for youth employee training and job placements. Action

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should be undertaken immediately to ensure that funding is consistent and available when it is needed most for subsidized youth employment and training.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to:

- a. Direct the Washington, D.C. Advocates to oppose the \$41.8 million decrease to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth funding, as proposed by the Senate in FFY 2016 Labor-Health and Human Services (HHS)-Education appropriations legislation; and
- b. Report back, in writing within 90 days, on the impact of the final appropriation to both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Youth Jobs Program.

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